Jeffrey Epstein investigation: Sex offender's Paris home and Jean-Luc Brunel's Karin Models agency searched

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Paris — French investigators have searched the home and offices of French modeling agent Jean-Luc Brunel in their probe into late financier Jeffrey Epstein's alleged sexual exploitation of women and girls, the prosecutor's office confirmed to CBS News' Elaine Cobbe on Tuesday. Epstein's Paris flat was also searched.

The Paris prosecutor's office said Tuesday that investigators carried out searches over the past week at Karin Models, an agency in the high-end 8th arrondissement of Paris, and at Brunel's Paris home. The prosecutor's office would not provide further details of where things stand in the French investigation.

Brunel was a frequent companion of Epstein who flew on his plane and visited him in jail in Florida, according to U.S. legal records.

Cobbe reports the searches were carried out at Epstein's home on Monday and at Karin Models on September 17 with a magistrate present. The prosecutor's office would not confirm if the FBI was present during the search.

French police appealed earlier this month for victims and witnesses to come forward to aid their investigation into alleged rape of minors and other possible charges linked to the Epstein case.

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